



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
Washington, D C 20230

September 10, 2002

Mr. Maurice D. Poe
Exhibition Operations
R.E. Rogers Inc.
23900 Hawthorne Blvd., Ste. 200
Torrance, CA 90505

Dear Mr. Poe:

I am pleased to advise you that your application for certification under the Trade Fair Act of 1959 for the Winter Fancy Foods 2003, January 19-21, 2003, San Francisco, CA, has been approved.

The Commissioner of Customs has been notified by the Department of Commerce of this action. Please contact the appropriate U.S. Customs Service Office to arrange for a bond and other necessary details for entry and handling of foreign exhibits.

The enclosed information will be helpful in answering inquiries from the foreign exhibitors. Best wishes for the success of your show.

Sincerely,



Linda Harbaugh, Chairman
Trade Fair Act Committee

Enclosure





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Commissioner of Customs
U.S. Customs Service
1301 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20229

Dear Commissioner:


Application has been made under the provisions of the Trade Fair Act of 1959 and regulations issued by the Department of Commerce pursuant thereto, to have the WINTER FANCY FOODS 2003, designed as a Fair entitled to the privileges of the Act.

It has been determined that the public interest in promoting trade will be served by extending the privileges of the Act to this event.

The following information is supplied in accordance with the Act:

1. Name of the Fair: WINTER FANCY FOODS 2003
2. Site of the Fair: SAN FRANCISCO, CA
3. Dates of the Fair: The fair will open January 19, 2003
and will close January 21, 2003
4. Operator of the Fair: National Association for the Specialty Food Trade (NASFT)
120 Wall Street, 27th Floor
New York, NY 10005

Sincerely,


Linda K. Harbaugh
Chairman, Trade Fair Act
Committee



TRADE FAIR ACT OF 1959

INFORMATION FOR FAIR OPERATORS

As the operator of a fair which has been certified under the provisions of the Trade Fair Act of 1959, you are the sole consignee and importer of foreign exhibit items and are responsible for the cost of Customs supervision in connection with their entry and release.

If you have appointed a Customhouse broker to act as your representative, questions regarding packing, routine, storage, withdrawal, and documenting requirements can be directed to him. If not, the following information, which has been compiled by the Trade Fair Act Committee United States Travel and Tourism Administration of the Department of Commerce in cooperation with the Customs Service, will assist you in answering inquiries.

ENTRY OF DUTY FREE EXHIBITS

Foreign exhibitors should consign their exhibit items to you at the port of Customs station designated by the Customs Service to serve the area in which the fair will be held. Shipments arriving at other U.S. Customs ports must be forwarded under a transportation bond for entry at the fair port.

PACKING AND MARKING OF CONTAINERS

In order to expedite the entry of exhibit items:

1. Goods which are to be sold or given away DURING the fair should be packed in a container separate from exhibit items or other goods which will remain until the fair closes.
2. Personal effects should be packed separately.
3. Identifying marks or numbers on packages must correspond to those on packing lists, and with information on Customs invoices. The exhibitor can obtain these invoices without charge at any U.S. Consulate.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Accurate, properly executed invoices must be furnished to you or your Customhouse broker by the foreign exhibitor before imported articles can be entered into the exhibition area.
2. An ordinary commercial invoice is acceptable for shipments valued at \$500.00 or less; or for shipments of greater value where a special Customs invoice is not required.
3. A special Customs invoice is required for shipments valued at more than \$500.00 where the merchandise is subject to a rate of duty dependent upon value.
4. All invoices must show:
 - a. name and address of shipper;
 - b. identifying marks and numbers on the packages;
 - c. quantity of each imported item;
 - d. full description of each article; e.g., it is not sufficient to list "1 vase". The invoice must indicate whether the vase is made of earthenware, porcelain, copper, brass, etc., as the tariff classification is based on the component material.
 - e. weight or measure;
 - f. unit price;
 - g. total price.
5. A value must be shown for every item appearing on an invoice, including free samples and catalogs. The phrase "NO COMMERCIAL VALUE" should not be placed on an invoice.

SPECIAL REGULATION GOVERNING CERTAIN COMMODITIES

Your foreign exhibitors should consult the nearest U.S. Consular offices in their countries if they plan to exhibit foodstuffs, plants, livestock or beverages.

Explosives, fireworks, and other materials which might be dangerous, injurious, or unhealthful, are excluded from entry.

DISPOSITION OF IMPORTED ARTICLES

At any time before, or within three months after the closing date of the fair (or the date the fair actually closes, if earlier) any article entered under the Trade Fair Act of 1959 may be reclassified for:

- a. consumption;
- b. warehousing;
- c. use at another certified fair;
- d. transfer to a Foreign Trade Zone;
- e. abandonment to the U.S. Government;
- f. destruction under Customs supervision;
- g. export to country of origin, or to another foreign country. No article which has been entered under the Trade Fair Act may be consumed, sold, or removed from the bonded fairground until the provisions of Customs laws have been met and applicable duties and taxes paid. These duties and taxes are based on the original condition and rate in effect at the time of entry.

AUTOMATIC ABANDONMENT

If an article entered under the duty free provisions of the Trade Fair Act is still in Customs' custody three months after the closing date of the fair for which it was entered, it will be regarded as abandoned to the U.S. Government.